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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants request consideration of the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form.

A copy of an office action (dated August 23, 2005) from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart application is enclosed. A translation of the office action is included.

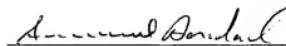
An English-language abstract and translation of listed reference AL are enclosed. Also, an English-language abstract of listed reference AM is enclosed.

References 1 and 2 in the Office action previously were cited in the pending application in an IDS submitted on March 24, 2006 and, therefore, those references are not listed again on the attached form 1449.

This statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits. Each of the references listed on the attached form 1449 was cited in the enclosed Japanese Office action. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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